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1. ITALIAN CHARGE TOMASO DE VERGOTINI PAID CALL ON MINISTRY FOREIGN RELATIONS MONDAY MAY 27 TO ASK FOR CLARIFICATION OF FON MIN HUERTA'S BLAST AGAINST HIM PERSONALLY, ITALY IN GENERAL AND OTHER COUNTRIES. HE TOLD EMB PRESS ATTACHE THAT OFFICIAL WITH WHOM HE CONFERRED WAS SOMEWHAT APOLOGETIC ABOUT MATTER AND EXPRESSED SURPRISE AT HUERTA'S BROADSIDE (SANTIAGO 2948).

2. DE VERGOTINI HAS DIPLOMATIC PASSPORT STATING HE "PRIMO CONSIGLIERE" (FIRST COUNSELOR) BUT CONFIDED THAT GOI FOREIGN MINISTRY HAS NOT PERMITTED HIM TO PRESENT CREDENTIALS AS CHARGE D'AFFAIRES WHILE GOC HAS BEEN INSISTING THAT HE DO SO. HIS PASSPORT BEARS ONLY TOURIST STAMP, WHICH EXPIRED MID-MARCH. HOWEVER, DE VERGOTINI HAS STILL NOT RECEIVED WRITTEN NOTE STATING HE WILL HAVE TO LEAVE UNLESS HIS STATUS CLARIFIED OR UNLESS GOI OFFICIALLY RECOGNIZES CHILE. ONLY MENTION TO DATE HAS BEEN HUERTA'S PRESS CONFERENCE.

3. DE VERGOTINI INDICATED THAT HE HAS BEEN ATTEMPTING PERSUADE
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HIS GOVERNMENT RESOLVE PROBLEM ALONG LINES INDICATED PARA 3

REFTEL, BUT WITH NO SUCCESS DUE TO DELICATE INTERNAL POLITICAL SITUATION AND SENSITIVITY IN ITALY. HE NOW FEARS HUERTA HAS PUSHED ISSUE TO POINT WHERE ITALY MAY BE FORCED TO PROVIDE YUGOSLAVIAN SOLUTION FOR REPRESENTATION IN CHILE, WITHDRAWING ALL DIPLOMATIC PERSONNEL AND LEAVING CONSUL GENERAL. TO DATE DE VERGOTINI CLAIMS NOT RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS FROM ROME, ALLEGEDLY DUE TO FON MIN MORO'S TRAVELS ABROAD.

4. DE VERGOTINI BEING SUBJECT TO SOMEWHAT INSULTING AND INACCURATE PRESS STORIES IN CENSORED CHILEAN MEDIA. THESE MIGHT BE EXPLOITED BY ITALIAN LEFTISTS SEEKING BREAK IN RELATIONS.
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